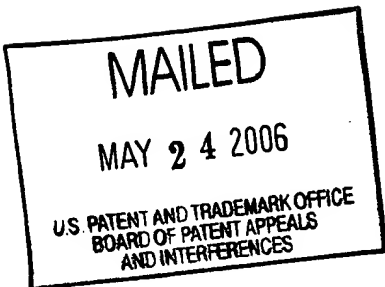


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Ex parte JOSEPH PHILLIP BIGUS

Application 09/238,821

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 18, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

The Patent Application Location Management System (PALM), indicates that the Examiner's Answer was mailed on March 7, 2005. However, the Examiner's Answer was not been scanned into the file. Appropriate correction is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner to scan the Examiner's Answer into the file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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